

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: CRIME RECORDS DIVISION

DATE: 12/12/68

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (80-736) (P)

SUBJECT: ROBERT MORGAN  
N. C. STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Charlotte letter 68-66, dated 11/19/68.

ROBERT MORGAN was recently elected Attorney General for the State of North Carolina, to replace the incumbent THOMAS WADE BRUTON and MORGAN will take office in early January, 1969.

MORGAN is approximately 42 years of age and resides in Lillington, N. C. He apparently practices law.

He is a veteran having served in the U. S. Navy and a graduate from East Carolina University, Greenville, N. C. He graduated from Wake Forest University Law School in 1950. He was elected Clerk of Superior Court of Harnett Co., N. C., at age 24, and at age 26 returned to naval duty during the Korean conflict. At age 27, upon completion of his service as Clerk of Superior Court, Harnett Co., he established a law practice in Lillington, N. C., and the following year was elected to the N. C. Senate where he served four additional terms. When he was 39 years of age, he was elected President pro tempore of the N. C. Senate.

He is married to the former [redacted] and they have two daughters, [redacted]

[redacted] and a foster son, [redacted]

He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of East Carolina University and was President of that alumni association from 1957 through 1959. During his terms in the N. C. Legislature, he was considered a leader in many areas including jail and court reform.

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He is a member of the local, state and national bar association as well as a member of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity. He is past president of the Lillington Rotary Club and is a Mason. His religion is Baptist.

During the course of his campaign, he stated he would initiate a battle against organized crime and he would not be afraid to propose legislation to curb organized crime.

It should be noted the current Assistant Attorney General is Mr. [REDACTED] and it appears he will be replaced by an appointee of the incoming Attorney General.

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Upon appointment of a new Deputy Attorney General, his identity will be furnished the Bureau.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: CRIME RECORDS DIVISION

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (80-736) (P)

SUBJECT: ROBERT MORGAN  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

*Attorney General*  
*N.C.*

Re Charlotte letter to Bureau 12/12/68.

ROBERT MORGAN, Attorney General for the State of N. C., has not to date appointed a deputy attorney general and no information has been developed indicating when such an appointment will be made.

Charlotte Division will follow this and advise the Bureau whether or not he has plans for appointment of a new deputy attorney general.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 3/19/69  
ATTENTION: CRIME RECORDS DIVISION

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (80-736) (C)

SUBJECT: ROBERT MORGAN  
N. C. STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Charlotte letter to the Bureau, 12/12/68.

On 3/17/69 [redacted] to  
N. C. Attorney General ROBERT MORGAN, advised there is  
no longer an individual on the Attorney General's staff  
who is considered the Number 2 man and for the sake of  
a title, the title Deputy Attorney General has been  
conferred upon [redacted] of the  
Consumer Division. [redacted]  
[redacted] and [redacted]

Since it does not appear there exists on  
the Attorney General's staff a single Deputy Attorney  
General who would act in all matters as a representative  
of the Attorney General, the Charlotte Division is not  
submitting background information concerning the above  
individuals, UACB.

In the event such an appointment is made in  
the future, the Bureau will be advised.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: CRIME RESEARCH SECTION

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (80-736)

SUBJECT: ROBERT MORGAN  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 3/27/74

For the information of the Bureau, ROBERT MORGAN, Attorney General of the State of North Carolina, has filed as a Democratic Party candidate for the United States Senate.

He announced on 1/24/74, that he would not resign from his position as Attorney General during his campaign to seek the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate since he has an obligation to the voters who elected him to stay and protect the dedicated employees who are now with him in the Attorney General's Office. MORGAN further stated that if he wins the nomination for the Senate, he will step down from his position as Attorney General at least 30 days before the November General Election.

He has stated that the Attorney General's Office should be free and separate from the present administration of JAMES HOLSHOUSER, the present Republican Governor of North Carolina.

Should ROBERT MORGAN resign any time prior to 30 days before the November General Election, his position could be filled by an appointee of Governor HOLSHOUSER.

ROBERT MORGAN is a graduate of Wake Forest Law School and has served in elected office as Clerk of Superior Court of Harnett County, North Carolina, and as a member of the North Carolina Senate in the General Assembly of 1955, 1959, 1963, 1965, and 1967. He was President Pro Tem of the Senate in 1965. He was first elected as the Attorney General of North Carolina in the General Elections of November, 1968, and has served in that position to the present time.

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I have had occasion to meet with Mr. MORGAN. He is very personable, cordial and excellent relations with him have been established.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: CRIME RESEARCH SECTION

DATE: 6/19/74

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (80-736)

SUBJECT: NORTH CAROLINA STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Attached for the information of the Bureau is a copy of an article which appeared in the June 11, 1974, issue of The Charlotte Observer, a daily newspaper published in Charlotte, N. C. The article is captioned "Judge Carson To Become Attorney General Sept. 15".

The article states that Governor JIM HOLSHOUSER announced he will name N. C. Court of Appeals Judge JAMES CARSON of Charlotte to replace ROBERT MORGAN as North Carolina Attorney General.

CARSON, age 39, will serve from September 15, 1974, when MORGAN plans to resign to run full-time as Democratic nominee for the U. S. Senate in North Carolina.

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# Judge Carson To Become Attorney General Sept. 15

RALEIGH — Gov. Jim Holshouser announced Monday three Democrats are unopposed, as expected, that he will pose. Anyway, Holshouser named a Republican Judge said, the judiciary is too important for "politics."

James Carson of Charlotte to replace Robert Morgan as N.C. attorney general.

Carson, 39, will serve from Sept. 15, when Morgan plans to resign to run full-time as Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate, until the Nov. 5 general election.

The state Republican Executive Committee is almost sure to pick Carson as its general election candidate for the remaining two years of Morgan's term. The Democratic Executive Committee will choose an opposition candidate from among at least 10 hopefuls.

Carson, former lawyer and two-term state legislator from Mecklenburg County, has been openly seeking the appointment and nomination for months. For that reason he did not file for another term in his current job on the N.C. Court of Appeals.

THE DATE Carson will resign from the nine-member Court of Appeals is uncertain. He said that he has asked not to be given any new cases and that when he finishes his current court work, he'll step down. That, he said, should be in about 30 days.

Ironically, Holshouser will replace Carson, the Appeals Court's only Republican, with one of the three Democrats running for that court in the general election.

Legally, Republican Holshouser could pick a Republican to serve the rest of Carson's term, but that appointee would serve only until the January swearing-in of the

November ballots, but that part of the controversy apparently also has been resolved. State law requires ballots for general elections to be in the hands of county election boards no later than 60 days before the election date — this year, by Sept. 6.

Theoretically, until Morgan leaves office, there really isn't a vacancy. Thus, Holshouser said, the legality of printing ballots for the position could be questioned.

MORGAN said Monday however, that custom permits him to resign "to a date certain," meaning that the state elections board and Holshouser will be notified that he will resign as of Sept. 15 and that ballots can be printed.

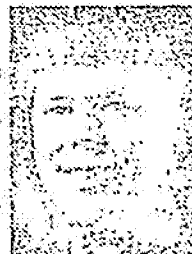
"I HAVE no plans to fire anyone," Carson said, adding that anyone in the department "doing a good job" has nothing to fear. He also guessed that department employees who are "more politically oriented," such as Nick Weaver and Carroll Leggett, would probably leave voluntarily when Morgan did.

Leggett and Weaver, active campaigners for Morgan, are known as his top political advisers within the department. Their political activity for Morgan, both say quickly, is done only on their own time.

Holshouser worried out loud Monday that Morgan's insistence on staying as attorney general until mid-September might delay the printing of

"I have no plans to fire anyone (in the department) doing a good job."

— James Carson



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July 18, 1974

Honorable Robert B. Morgan  
Attorney General  
State of North Carolina  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I have received a copy of the publication, "Crime in North Carolina," a product of the Police Information Network, Department of Justice, State of North Carolina. I wish to congratulate you and your staff on the issuance of a quality publication.

It is apparent that considerable time and effort was required on the part of your staff. I am sure that through such efforts, law enforcement in North Carolina is better served.

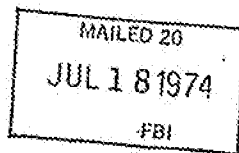
I wish to also extend my appreciation for the support and cooperation that your staff has provided the national Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

Sincerely yours,

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Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: CRIME RESEARCH UNIT

DATE: 8/29/74

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (80-736)

SUBJECT: NORTH CAROLINA STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

State Court of Appeals Judge JAMES H. CARSON, JR.  
was appointed N. C. Attorney General on 8/26/74 by N. C.  
Governor JIM HOLSHOUSER.

CARSON replaced ROBERT MORGAN as Attorney General  
who resigned to run full-time as Democratic nominee for the  
U. S. Senate in N. C.

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